

**Monday: 18/02/01**  
**Deuteronomy 5:14**

Pretty much an all inclusive instruction. When this was written it was meant to cover all possible legal excuses people could make. Things really haven't changed have they. People will still strain their eyes trying to read the fine print as well as between the lines. Looking for a loop hole.

In our modern day context it still holds weight. We are instructed not to go out of our way to do any work on the Sabbath. We are also called to make sure that nobody who we are responsible for should do any work. Keep in mind that the Sabbath is a day of rest as first exemplified by God when he chose to rest and encouraged us to do the same. We are to really leave behind the world.

In what way is Sabbath a unique day for you?

Lord, may each Sabbath be a blessing to you.

**Tuesday: 19/02/02**  
**Exodus 20:8**

Holy? What does this mean? Such a relatively short word with a huge meaning. We are called to keep the Sabbath Holy.

We gather to exalt God. Devoted to praising the pure Deity of our Creator. Entering his place of worship while venerating his Holy name. Psalms 99:9 tells us 'for the Lord your God is Holy'. Our reason for celebrating the Sabbath is to show complete devotion to our God who is perfect in goodness and righteousness.

In what way have you exalted your God?

Lord, Holy is your Name above all names.

**Wednesday: 20/02/03**  
**Hebrews 10:25**

Meeting together is important. Many attend Church each Sunday. This is good of course. They sit and listen to the sermon. They meet with friends they haven't seen all week. They quickly catch up on all the social norms that are important for a healthy and vibrant congregation. Is that all that is required?

There is more to attending Church. As well as there's an important purpose to listening to the sermon. After the social activities have been obliged; how many take time to ponder what they have been told. How deep have the words of the sermon sank in?

We go to Church for many reasons, but ultimately we need to remember that the most important part of Sunday worship is the lesson we are told.

What message have you been able to learn?

May I learn to listen and learn each Sunday.

**Thursday: 21/02/04**  
**Isiah 58:13-14**

Turn back to the Sabbath and find your reward. Have you noticed there's a drop in attendance? Not as many people going to Church these days? What if I told you that the last generation is possibly the first to have grown up without any connection with any Church? They have no clue or interest in Church.

We can each help to change this. By us living as an example of our faith. Going to Church and letting those we love know it. Through our example and our steadfast dedication we can move hearts.

In what way can we share faith through worship.

Never forsaking fellowship, may the Lord bless us.

**Friday: 22/02/05**  
**Leviticus 19:30**

The place of worship is to be kept clean, entered with reverence. What do we bring to worship? Some hidden grievance? Some outstanding grief or burden that distracts us? Perhaps we enter with an angry heart filled with malice for a wrong that is yet to be rectified.

We each are as an old analogy says; ships with barnacles. Just like a ship becomes slowed down as barnacles grow under it, so to do we when we continue to carry the weight of the world.

We are told to not only to keep the Sabbath, but to also keep them Holy. And not to be distracted with anger, fear or worldly concerns. We enter the Church with the only intention of worship.

How can we each leave the world outside?

Lord, I enter your Sacred Place with reverence.

**Saturday: 23/02/06**  
**Matthew 18:20**

When two or more are gathered in the Lord's name. This is perhaps one of the best and most loved verses in the Bible. It gives us an amazing promise that in each Sunday worship the Lord is with us. He is there with us as we rejoice and praise his Holy name.

Our songs of praise should be loud and clear that all may know just how much we love our Lord. We should do everything we do with the knowledge that the Lord is in fellowship with us.

With this knowledge, how should we pray?

Together we are made perfect in the Lord.

# *Sabbath*



Be still my troubled soul.  
Calm now my restless heart.  
I have come to find peace,  
In the house of my Lord.  
Remember the Sabbath day,  
By keeping it Holy.  
For it's the Lord my God,  
Who created this day.  
That I may joyfully,  
Now praise his Holy name.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

I will enter this space,  
With reverence and with awe,  
For the Lord God blesses,  
Those who show him respect.  
Whenever house you enter,  
First say peace be to this house!

Together we will seek,  
The oneness of our prayer,  
That our Lord has promised,  
In friendship as one voice.  
So we, though many, are one body in Christ,  
And individually, members one of another.  
Seeking to do what's right,  
Before our Lord our God,  
So that our words and prayers,  
Shall edify His name.  
Do you know that you are God's temple?  
And that God's Spirit dwells in you?

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